

Grearson & Lane Company, Granite Turning Shed  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Barre, Washington County, Vermont.

Date of Construction: Circa 1900.

Present Owner: Grearson & Lane Company, Inc.

Present Use: Granite turning shed.

Significance: The turning shed is an example of a processing facility which forms a part of the vital granite industry in Vermont. Grearson & Lane Company was founded in 1897.

The timber-framed granite turning shed rests on a concrete block foundation partially covered with tar paper. It has clapboard siding, wooden doors and window surrounds, and a brick chimney.

The main block is a rectangle measuring 60' x 194.' A small office connected on the north side by a 3'5" x 10'3 1/4" corridor measures 20'4" x 22'4."

Interior granite-processing equipment includes cutting lathes, polishing lathes, grindstones, saws, boring machines, and a diamond core drill.

Sources of Information:

Field measurements taken July 22-23, 1981 as part of the University of Vermont's Fifth Industrial Archeology Institute. Twenty-three students participated.

Grearson & Lane Company, Inc. Promotional Brochure. 1950.

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